

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Claims 12-13, 19-25 and 28 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 5-7, 15-16 and 27 have been amended (Claims 5-7 and 15-16 being amended for clarity to correct various typographical errors). New Claims 29-38 have been added to present claims of varying scope. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-11, 14-18, 26-27 and 29-38 are currently pending.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 1-28 were subject to a Restriction/Election requirement. The Examiner stated:

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Three types of wheel lifts as set forth below:

Species A: Figures 1-14

Species B: Figures 20-24

Two types of booms as set forth below:

Species C: Figure 1

Species D: Figure 15

The Examiner further stated:

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed wheel lift and a single disclosed boom for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

By this Amendment and Reply, the Applicants have elected Species B for the wheel lift and Species D for the boom. Claims 12-13, 19-25 and 28 have been canceled without prejudice. The Applicants submit that Species B and/or Species D read on Claims 1-11, 14-18 and 26-27.

New Claims 28-33 have been presented to provide additional claims of varying scope. Species B and/or Species D is readable on new Claims 29-38.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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